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	)	Art Unit: 3739
Application No.: 10/754,445	)	
	)	Examiner: Peter J. Vrettakos
Filed: January 9, 2004	)	
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR	)	
TREATING ABNORMAL EPITHELIUM IN AN	)	
<u>ESOPHAGUS</u>	)	

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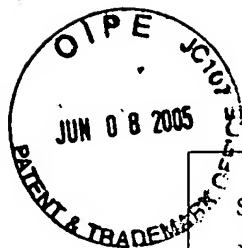
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		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1	US-4,640,298	02-03-1987	Pless	
	2	US-5,056,532	10-15-1991	Hull	
	3	US-5,522,815	06-04-1996	Durgin	
	4	US-5,336,222	08-09-1994	Durgin	
	5	US-5,833,688	11-10-1998	Sieben	
	6	US-6,179,836	01-30-2001	Eggers	
	7	US-6,325,800	12-04-2001	Durgin	
	8	US-6,432,104	08-13-2002	Durgin	
	9	US-6,695,764	02-24-2004	Silverman	
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	11	US-2002/0111623	08-15-2002	Durgin	
	12	US-2002/0147447	10-10-2002	Long	
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	14	US-2003/0181900	09-25-2003	Long	
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	18	WO 99/35987	07-22-1999	Con-Way-Stuart Medical, Inc.		
	19	WO 00/01313	01-13-2000	Vnus Medical Technology, Inc.		
	20	WO 00/66021	11-09-2000	Curon Medical, Inc.		
	21	WO 01/35846	05-25-2001	Ganz, et al.		

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	22	STERN, et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/754,444 entitled "Devices and Methods for Treatment of Luminal Tissue," filed 01-09-2007 (WSGR Reference No. 28791-704.201)	
	23	US-2003/0158550 published on 08-21-2003 Ganz, et al. (WSGR Reference No. 28791-702.401)	
	24	US-2004/0087936 published on 05-06-2004 Stern, et al. (WSGR Reference No. 28791-702.501)	
	25	US-2004/0215235 published on 10-28-2004 Jackson, et al. (WSGR Reference No. 28791-702.503)	
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